

Siciliano SB374

To Whom It May Concern,

As a citizen living in Monroe, CT, I am writing to express my views regarding proposed SB 374 for which a public hearing is being held by the Public Health committee on Friday, March 8, 2013. This bill proposes to conduct behavioral health screenings on children.

My first objection to note is that this bill includes only public school and homeschool children. While I disagree with the premise of this bill for

ANY child, I find it startlingly discriminatory that private schooled children would be exempt.

Secondly, while I understand the attempt to help children, this proposed bill is overstepping its bounds and infringing on our rights.

Making such services available to parents AS REQUESTED would be far more appropriate than to make such assessments "required."

A third objection would be the cost to implement. Who will pay for these?

Additional objections would be the determination of who does the assessments? If trying to identify issues, but the results are truly only given to the parents, what would this change? Treatment is what is needed. For those who ask.

Sincerely,

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